



THE CHRISTIAN ECHO



Glen Echo Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Dear Glen Echo,
Thank you for my book. I picked Dragon Masters: The Sea Dragon. It was fun to read!
From,
Bienfdit



Dear Glen Echo,
Thank you for my book. I picked Mrs. Piggles Wiggle. I am an expert reader at it. I am on Chapter 6. I read a lot.
From,
Prinival

Several Glen Echo members contributed funds so the children in Julie's class could purchase Scholastic Books during the school year. These are some of the "Thank You Notes" that the children wrote after receiving their new books.



Dear Glen Echo,
I picked The Legends of: Hoot, Paper, Scissors. It is the best! Thank you!
From,
Elli

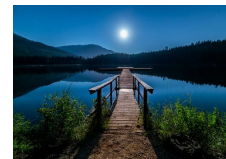


Dear Glen Echo,
Thank you for the book! I picked The Monster Squad. I was happy.
From,
Yoon



Dear Glen Echo,
Thank you for my book. I picked Never Let a Unicorn Scribble. I like it.
From,
Piston

MINISTER'S MOMENT



“And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” (Matthew 2:12)

We are told in Matthew 2:12 that after the Wise Men followed the Bethlehem star and found Jesus, they returned to their own country by a different route than the one that they'd used to find the Baby King. The reason why they changed their path and their plans was for the sake of safety. King Herod was incensed to learn that a child had been born who he perceived would threaten his ruling practices, and he planned to kill the Holy Child after the Magi revealed the baby's location. God warned the Wise Ones through a dream that it was not safe to return home via the same road, so they found another way.

Sometimes, paths and plans change for the sake of safety, even if the changes are unfamiliar and seem inconvenient. Methods that we've always used and practiced may not lead to the best outcomes as circumstances develop. In situations such as these, we can learn from the example of the Magi. They followed God's guidance and found Jesus, and they followed God's guidance and returned safely home.

God has guided Glen Echo during the pandemic, leading us to find fresh ways to worship (online services, Drive-In Church) and fellowship (Encouraging Echoes, Thanksgiving dinner). Outreach has discovered new methods to minister to God's children (books for school children, a donation to Bogota Kids), and they have continued beloved projects (Salvation Army casseroles, Mitten Tree). And through God's grace and your generosity, we are entering 2022 in a solid financial position.

In January 2022, we will have an opportunity to continue to seek God's direction during a half-day retreat on Saturday morning, January 15th. (See page three.) We will pray, read scripture, and listen to God and one another as we discern together how the Holy One wants to guide us in the new year. We will have the chance to still the cacophony of our personal drives and druthers and seek the will and wisdom of our Creator — who led the Wise Ones on their quest to find the embodiment of God's love, Jesus.

Our beloved Creator has not lost the will to impart wisdom to us. I'm looking forward to listening and following where God leads.

Blessed to be traveling with you,

Pastor Dawn

JANUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSON	SERMON TITLE
JANUARY 2	John 1:1-9 (10-18)	“Jesus, the Word of Truth”
JANUARY 9	Isaiah 43:1-7	"Precious in My Sight"
JANUARY 16	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	"For the Common Good"
JANUARY 23	Luke 4:14-21	"Anointed and Fulfilled"
JANUARY 30	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	"Fully Known"

CHURCH RETREAT

Saturday morning, January 15th, we will have a listening and visioning retreat in Glen Echo's Fellowship Hall. The half-day event will begin at 9:30 AM, and coffee and treats will be provided.

Pastor Dawn will facilitate the morning as we pray, read scripture, discuss insights, and take time to listen for God's still, small voice. Everyone in the church is invited to participate in the retreat.

The last half hour of the gathering will become the January Board Meeting. If you are not a Board member, you are welcome to leave after the retreat or stay for the meeting. (There will not be a separate Board Meeting on the second Tuesday evening of the month, January 11th.)

We hope that you will join us as we pray, listen, and seek God's guidance for Glen Echo in 2022.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee has decided to meet in the lounge after worship on the first Sunday of each month to discuss ongoing needs of our church building. As facilities (and people) age, they need some extra tender, loving care.

Appreciation is extended to the volunteers who care for our property so that worship and service to God can continue from the corner of Beaver and Douglas.

2022 GLEN ECHO CALENDARS

Free 2022 Glen Echo Christian Church calendars will be available by January 9th. Please pick up a copy from the table in the church entryway, or call the church office if you would like us to send a calendar to you.



WE'VE GOT MAIL

Dear Church Family,

Once again, you touched us deeply through your generosity. Thank you for the fulsome Christmas gift that you gave to us. Your kindness blesses us, and we are grateful to serve God with you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dawn and David

Dear Glen Echo Members,

Thank you for the generous Christmas bonus. I enjoy serving this congregation.

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas, and I hope that 2022 is a good year for all.

God bless,
Josh

WE'VE GOT MAIL (continued from page 3)

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CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY

October 28, 2021

Rev. Dawn Ingram
Glen Echo Christian Church
4323 Douglas Ave
Des Moines, IA 50310-3642

Dear Pastor Ingram,

Thank you for your scholarship aid at Christian Theological Seminary. Through the Ben and Irene Williams Memorial Church Endowed Scholarship Fund, you are providing CTS students with an extraordinary opportunity to pursue their calling. Your support contributes to the fulfillment of CTS' mission *to form disciples of Jesus Christ for church and community leadership to serve God's transforming of the world.* We celebrate you and are delighted to update you about one of these remarkable students.

J. Miranda has been named the recipient of the Ben and Irene Williams Memorial Church Endowed Scholarship Fund for this academic year. J. Miranda is from Greencastle, IN, entered CTS in Fall 2021, and is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

With your partnership, CTS can fulfill its vision to become an academic learning community that gives witness to God's liberative, restorative, and life-affirming message. Blessings to you and all those you serve!

With gratitude,

Kristin Perks Champa, DMA
Vice President for Advancement

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October 2021

RE: Ben and Irene Williams Memorial Church Endowed Scholarship (Glen Echo Christian Church, Des Moines, IA)

Dear Rev. Ingram,

I write with gratitude for your support of seminary education. Your generosity through the Ben and Irene Williams Memorial Church Endowed Scholarship makes it possible for me to attend seminary. I was downsized in 2019 and have struggled financially ever since. This generous gift makes it possible for me to focus on my education while continuing to work part time.

After exploring several institutions, I was drawn to Christian Theological Seminary through encounters with faculty and staff. The institution is truly blessed with individuals who have a passion for teaching and learning, and who are genuine models of discipleship. Though only in my first semester, I have already developed a deep appreciation for the rigor of the curriculum and the wisdom of the faculty with whom I am studying.

Enrolling in seminary is the fulfillment of a lifetime call to serve others. I never thought I would have the chance to finally do it, but at the ripe young age of 53 I have embarked on this amazing journey, which is only possible because of your gift to Christian Theological Seminary. I am truly grateful that you chose to share your gifts with us. It is a testament not only to your kindness but to your commitment to advancing the good work that happens here.

My sincerest thanks again. Know you are held in my prayers with heartfelt thanksgiving.

Blessings,

j Miranda
Master of Divinity
Christian Theological Seminary

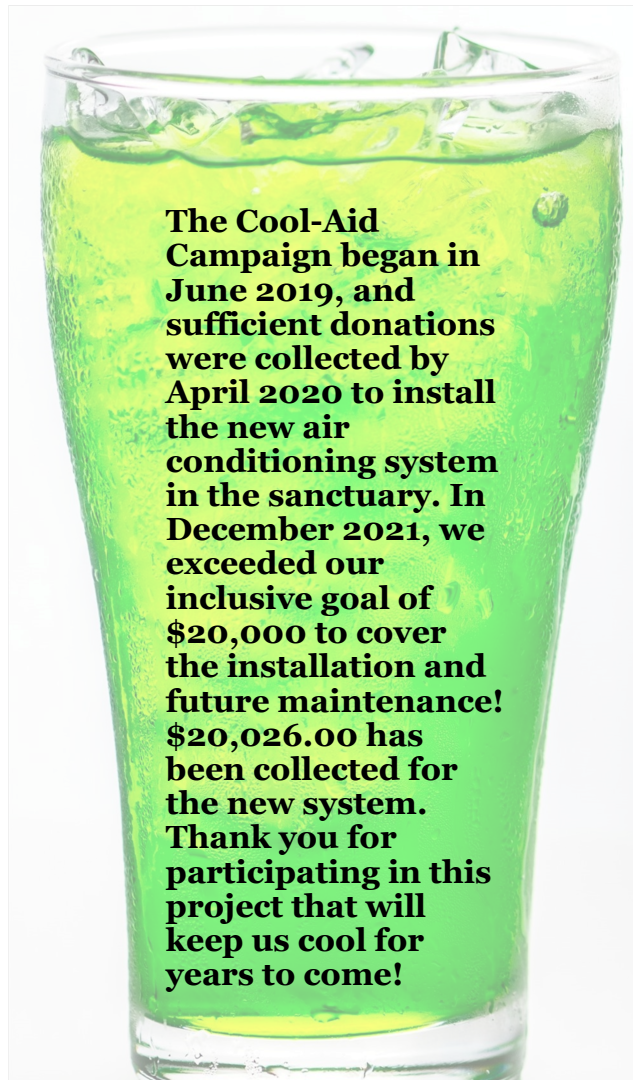
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SENSE OF VALUE

The November 2021 Financial Report is below.

Beginning Balance	\$60,392.20
Receipts	8,034.00
Expenses	(10,503.77)
Transfers	16.39
Ending Balance	\$57,938.82

THE COOL-AID CAMPAIGN IS COMPLETE!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Juliana
Marvin
Tammy
Jeanine
Carla
Lora
Erin
Abby
Jim
Fletch
Geri
Pat
Sandy
Donald
Marilyn
Jeff
Easton
Shawn
Laura
Grant
Diana
Kevin
Ryan
Tara
Bev
Mary
Barb

ATTENDANCE

	In-Person	Online	Total
December 5	24	40	64
December 12	36	21	57
December 19	33	16	49
Christmas Eve	To Be Announced		
December 26	To Be Announced		

(Links to services and bulletins can be found at www.glenechochristianchurch.com/sermons.html.
Worship services will not be taped on December 26 and January 2.)

January 2022

						1 New Year's Day
2 10:15 Worship After Church: Property Committee	3	4	5 7:30 Encouraging Echoes	6 2:00 Prayer	7	8
9 10:15 Worship	10	11	12 7:30 Encouraging Echoes	13 2:00 Prayer	14	15 9:30 Planning Retreat & Board Meeting
16 Laity Sunday 10:15 Worship	17 MLK Day	18	19 7:30 Encouraging Echoes	20 2:00 Prayer 7:00 GECC & RVD Core Group Meeting	21	22
23 10:15 Worship	24	25	26 7:30 Encouraging Echoes	27 2:00 Prayer	28 10:00 Deacon Callers	29
30 10:15 Worship After Church: Elders' Meeting	31					

Pastor Dawn will be on vacation through January 3, 2022.

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JANUARY 2022 SERVING SCHEDULE

January 2

Worship Leader: Rosemarie

Elder: Pam

Deacon: Mary

January 9

Worship Leader: Mary Ann

Elder: Julie

Deacon: Julie

January 16

Worship Leader: Kathleen

Elder: Rosemarie

Deacon: Darlene

January 23

Worship Leader: Julie

Elder: Shirley

Deacon: Jim

January 30

Worship Leader: TBA

Elder: Kathleen

Deacon: Agatha